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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: AMERICANS IN DAR PETITION AMBASSADOR

1. SIXTEEN PRIVATE AMERICANS LIVING IN DAR ES SALAAM CAME TO EMBASSY AFTERNOON OF 2 MARCH TO PRESENT A STATEMENT OF CONCERN SIGNED BY 38 LOCAL AMERICANS ABOUT WHAT THEY BELIEVE ARE UNDESIRABLE CHANGES IN USG POLICY TOWARD RHODESIA. DELEGATION HAD REQUESTED AND RECEIVED APPOINTMENT AND SHOWED UP WITH UNEXPECTED LOCAL NEWS REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHER AND FREELANCE STRINGER FOR INTERNATIONAL WIRE SERVICES.

2. AMBASSADOR AGREED TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED ACCEPTING PETITION FROM DELEGATION, BUT WOULD DISCUSS PETITIONERS' CONCERNS ONLY WITH THEM AS AMERICAN CITIZENS. PRESS THUS LEFT. DURING ENSUING
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DISCUSSION WHICH CONDUCTED IN CONSTRUCTIVE AND MUTUALLY RESPECTIVE ATMOSPHERE, PETITIONERS FOCUSED ON FOLLOWING POINTS; US STATEMENTS RECENTLY INCONSISTENT AND VASCILATING, NEED TO DENOUNCE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AS A RUSE OF SMITH'S, IF THERE IS ANY MERIT IN SALISBURY NEGOTIATIONS BUILD IT INTO AAP RATHER THAN OTHER WAY AROUND, THERE IS MORE TO US PUBLIC OPINION ON RHODESIA QUESTION THAT WHAT APPEARS IN US EDITORIALS AND VIEWS OF

MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

3. THRUST OF AMBASSADOR'S RESPONSE WAS THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN USG VIEW THAT WHITE MINORITY POLITICAL POWER IN RHODESIA IS NOT RPT NOT IN US INTEREST, WITHIN THAT BASIC PRINCIPLE USG DELAING WITH INCREASINGLY COMPLICATED SITUATION, VIEWS OF ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS SUCH AS THIS GROUP SHOULD AND WILL BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS.

4. WHEN GROUP LEFT, LOCAL PRESS RETURNED. AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS LIMITED TO CONFIRMATION THAT GROUP OF LOCAL AMERICAN CITIZENS PRESENTED AMBASSADOR WITH SIGNED STATEMENT THAT WILL BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON, AND THAT THEY SUBSEQUENTLY HELD DISCUSSION WITH THEIR AMBASSADOR ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AMERICAN CITIZENS REGARDING RHODESIA.

5. TEXT OF GROUP'S PETITION AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. AS AMERICAN WORKING IN TANZANIA, ONE OF THE FRONT LINE STATES, WE ARE CLOSE TO THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ARE EXTREMELY DISTURBED BY THE VACILLATION OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD RHODESIA.

UNDER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WERE LED TO EXPECT THAT U.S. POLICY TOWARDS SOUTHERN AFRICA WOULD BE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THE INITIATIVES BY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CARTER ADMINISTRATION ALSO GAVE NEW HOPE TO AFRICANS REPRESSED BY APARTHEID AND RECISM. THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS, IN ACCORD WITH THE POSITION OF THE FRONT LINE STATES AND THE O.A. U. ACCEPTED THE CENTRAL ROLE OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IN ANY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. FOLLOWING THE MALTA MEETING ALL PARTIES STATED THAT SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE, YET WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT" THE U.S. AND BRITAIN APPEAR TO BE ABANDONING THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION.

WE CALL UPON THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO STRONGLY DENOUNCE THE "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT" WHICH

1. EXCLUDES THE PATRIOTIC FRONT LIBERATION FORCES AND BRITAIN AS THE COLONIAL POWER.

2. HAS BEEN TOTALLY REJECTED BY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, THE FRONT LINE STATES AND THE O.A.U.

3. CONSTITUTIONALLY GUARANTEES WHITE PRIVILEGES.

4. IS SIMPLY A TACTIC BY IAN SMITH TO DIVIDE AND WEAKEN THE

ANGLO-AMERICAN PRESSURE ON HIS REGIME. END QUOTE.
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